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*USSR: Khrushchev's 2 July speech in East Berlin contains a proposal designed to give the forthcoming three-power test-ban talks in Moscow an appearance of increased scope and promise.

In a marked shift in the Soviet position, Khrushchev dropped his long-standing insistence that an indefinite moratorium on underground testing accompany an agreement to ban nuclear testing in the atmosphere, outer space and under water. This shift, taken together with another favorable comment on President Kennedy's 10 June speech, is intended to convey a constructive approach to East-West relations.

The new proposal, however, calls for a NATO - Warsaw Pact nonaggression treaty to be signed "simultaneously" with the partial test-ban agreement. This move appears to be aimed at achieving a bargaining advantage at the outset of the talks beginning on 15 July. Khrushchev eventually may indicate a willingness to modify or drop this link should he feel the need to achieve some success for his "peaceful coexistence" strategy.

The general tenor of the proposal reflects the Soviet leader's desire to hold the door open to the West against the prospect of an even sharper deterioration of intrabloc relations following the upcoming Sino-Soviet talks. 25X1

South Korea: (South Korean security chief Kim Chae-chun is reported to be planning a coup against junta leader Pak Chong-hui, possibly for 6-7 July.)

(Kim Chae-chun, who has been losing ground in a struggle with former security chief Kim Chong-pil's group over control of the government political apparatus, allegedly intends to set up an interim government which would call for free general elections.)

(The Kim Chong-pil faction has previously made charges of coup plots in order to remove rivals, and the present plot could have been fabricated to remove Kim Chae-chun. Relations between Pak and his present security chief have deteriorated, and Pak too may be seeking an excuse to replace him.)

(Whether the plot is real or fabricated, its revelation might be used by the regime to justify an extension of military rule beyond late this year, when Korea is tentatively scheduled to return to civilian administration.)

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*East Germany: The reported promulgation of a decree granting the East German Minister of Defense full powers to establish prohibited areas is another step by the Ulbricht regime toward its goal of achieving full national sovereignty.

On the basis of initial Western press reports, the terms of the decree, whose publication in the official Law Gazette brings it legally into force, appear to be sweeping. The press reports do not indicate whether orders have been issued to implement the decree, but if fully implemented, it could affect both Allied ground and air access to West Berlin and the movement of military mission personnel in East Germany.

It appears that the most significant section of the decree is that relating to the establishment of prohibited air zones. While this "power" could be used to interfere with the three Allied air corridors over East Germany, the decree is more likely to be applied initially only to the air space over East Berlin. Possibly to justify such action, the decree provides for establishment of prohibited air zones over "important political centers." The regime claims East Berlin is "the capital of the GDR" and it is expected to be legally incorporated into East Germany later this year.

The establishment of a prohibited air zone over East Berlin would also be designed to deny Western aircraft the use of that portion of the Berlin Control Zone which passes over the Soviet sector.

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North Vietnam: Hanoi is continuing its efforts to steer a middle course in the Sino-Soviet dispute, despite heavy pressure from Peiping and Pyongyang for explicit North Vietnamese support. In its first opportunity to register an official position since the May visit of Liu Shao-chi to North Vietnam, Hanoi refused to side with Communist China and North Korea in either attacking or voting against the pro-Soviet resolution of the Moscow World Women's Congress. A recent high-level North Korean delegation to North Vietnam which sought to encourage allegiance to Peiping apparently also failed to sway Hanoi.

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*Argentina: (With general elections to be held in four days' time, tension is running high. Several groups, mostly Peronists, are reportedly still plotting to disrupt the elections, but they do not seem at this time to be strong enough or sufficiently well coordinated to have much chance of succeeding. The armed forces, taking no chances, are implementing a comprehensive security plan which is to be kept in effect until the critical period has passed.)

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

The United States Intelligence Board, on 28 June and 2 July, respectively, approved the following national intelligence estimates:

NIE 4-63: "Likelihood and Consequences of a Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Systems" [redacted] 25X1

NIE 11-2-63: "The Soviet Atomic Energy Program" [redacted]

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